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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3624

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PANAM-ARIANA RELATIONS

REF: A. STATE 177570 B. KABUL 4723

FOR NEA/PAB - CONSTABLE FROM AMBASSADOR

1. FROM REMARKS PANAM WASHINGTON REP HAMBLETON REPORTED REFTEL A, IT WOULD APPEAR SOME MISUNDERSTANDING EXISTS RE LOCAL SITUATION AND EMBASSY POSITION IN MATTER. HENCE, I AGREE IT WOULD BE BEST FOR TRIPPE TO DEFER HIS VISIT TO KABUL UNTIL WE CAN DISCUSS ENTIRE SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER MY ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.

2. TO SET STAGE FOR DISCUSSIONS, YOU MIGHT ASSURE PANAM THAT HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVELS OF GOA ARE ALREADY AWARE OF USG CONCERN OVER SIDER IMPLICATIONS OF COMPTROLLER IMBROGLIO. MY APPOINTMENT WITH MINFINANCE -- WHO HIMSELF HAS CLOSEST RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD -- REPORTED REFTEL B WAS DIRECT RESULT IN FACT, OF MY INFORMAL EXPRESSIONS OF OUR CONCERNS OVER PAN AM POSITION TO WAHEED ABDULLAH AND NAIM DURING JESHYN CEREMONIES. ACTUALLY, ABDULLAH SET UP APPOINTMENT WITH ABDULLELLAH. HENCE, HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOA ARE AWARE OF PROBLEM; RAISING IT WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD AT THIS POINT MIGHT BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE AND I DO NOT INTEND TO DO SO.

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3. FYI. IF, IN SPITE OF GOA ASSURANCES WE HAVE RECEIVED, EVIDENCE DEVELOPS THAT NAJIB'S MACHINATIONS ARE, IN FACT, REFLECTION OF GOA POLICY, WE WOULD OF COURSE TAKE WHATEVER ACTION INDICATED AT THAT TIME -- INCLUDING AN APPROACH TO DAOUD IF NECESSARY. IN THE LACK OF SUCH EVIDENCE, WE FEEL THE EMBASSY SHOULD NOT BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SETTLING THE COMPTROLLER ISSUE BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE LEFT FOR THE ARIANA BOARD, NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MEET AUGUST 11 OR 12. THIS WILL REQUIRE PRESENCE OF HIGH LEVEL PAN AM REPRESENTATION, SINCE BENNETT'S INVOLVEMENT WITH ACCOUNTING PROBLEMS, THOUGH PERIPHERAL, HAS REDUCED SOMEWHAT HIS ABILITY TO DEAL WITH NAJIB.
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